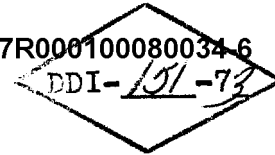


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Newly Completed History in the Directorate
of Intelligence Historical Series

25X1A 1. I am forwarding to you herewith the DDI's copy (Copy 2 of 3), signed by Arthur C. Lundahl, of a history [redacted] of NPIC entitled National Photographic Interpretation Center: Antecedents and Early Years, 1952-1956. This is Volume I of the projected three-volume narrative history of NPIC through 1961.

25X1 2. This history traces the early years of photo intelligence in CIA--from the first suggestion in 1950 of the utility of such an activity through the creation of a small unit in [redacted] ORR to support research analysts, its development into a division producing intelligence on its own initiative, and finally into an organization prepared to exploit the unique source material collected by the first U-2 flights over Communist areas in 1956. During the entire period treated, the photo interpretation activity continued to be organizationally located within ORR.

3. If you will return this DDI copy to me when you have finished with it, I will maintain appropriate custody of it along with other completed histories by DDI authors.

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Chairman, DDI Historical Board

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